

An Old Testament Guide to Challenging Times

Season After Pentecost 2020



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020
Calvary Lutheran Church

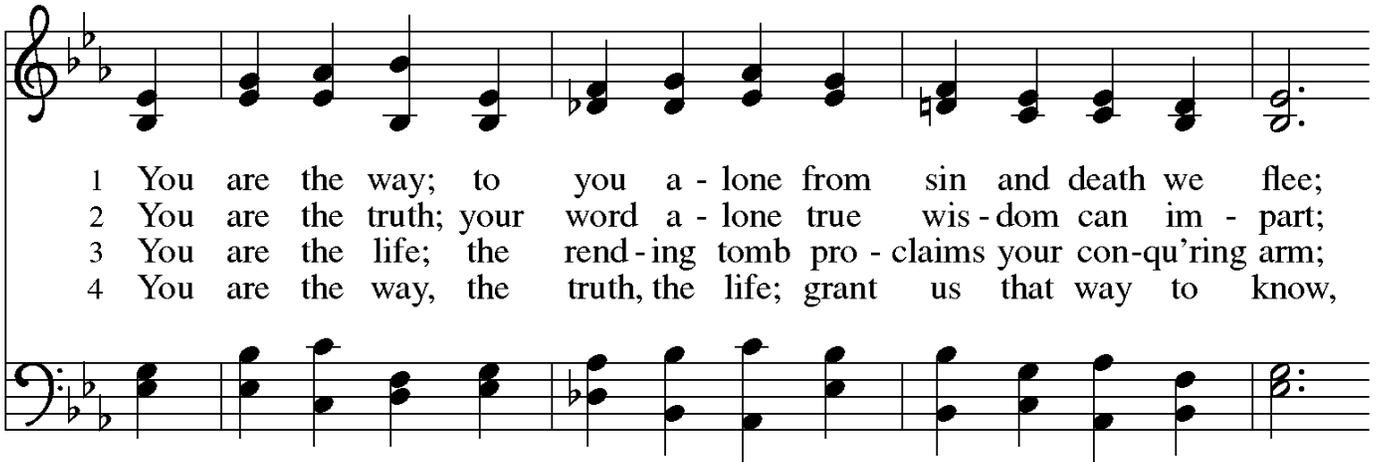
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PRELUDE

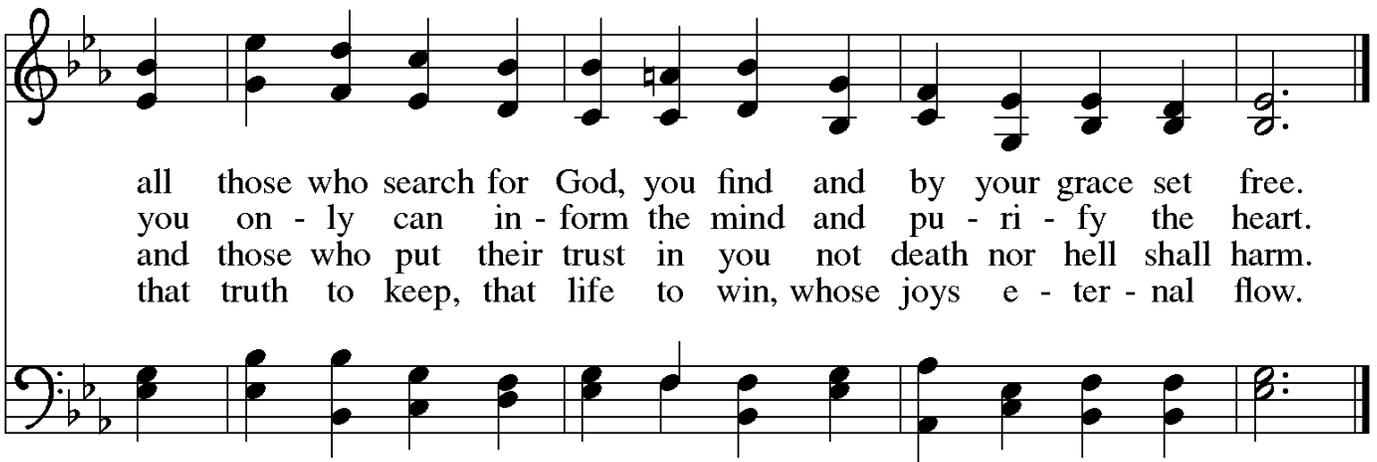
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination, please kneel or be seated)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through (+) Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

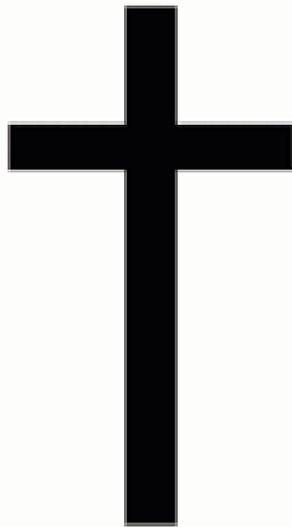
The First Reading is from First Kings, the third chapter.

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." **6** Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. **7** "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. **8** Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. **9** So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this

great people of yours?" **10** The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. **11** So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, **12** I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

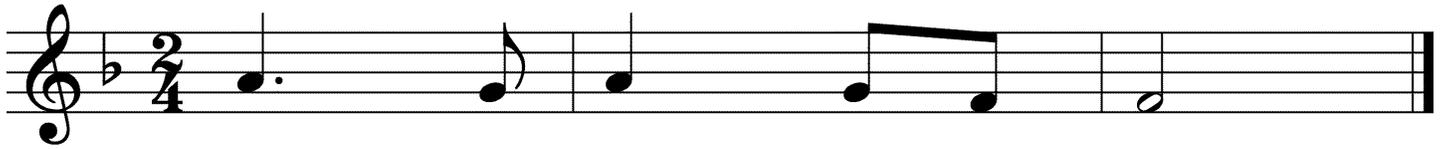
P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 119: 129-136

Lord, I Love Your Commands – Michel Guimont



Lord, I love your com - mands.

*Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **Refrain***

*I open my mouth and I sigh
as I yearn for your commands.
Turn and show me your mercy;
show justice to your friends. **Refrain***

*Let my steps be guided by your promise;
let no evil rule me.
Redeem me from those who oppress me
and I will keep your precepts. **Refrain***

*Let your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.
Tears stream from my eyes
because your law is disobeyed. **Refrain***

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SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

The Second Reading is from Romans chapter eight.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. **28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. **31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be

slaughtered.” **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. **32** Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." **33** He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." **44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. **45** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. **46** When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. **47** "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. **48** When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. **49** This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous **50** and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **51** "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. **52** He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is

like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

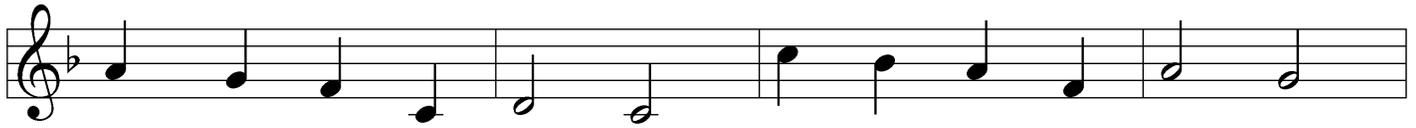
SERMON An Old Testament Guide to Challenging Times Pt.7

Pastor Middaugh



HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed,
 can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



and my heart has faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee!
 ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb; I will suf - fer
 Sin and hell in con - flict fell with their bit - ter
 Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, still in thee lies



nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
 storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Music: GUD SKAL ALTING MAGE, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

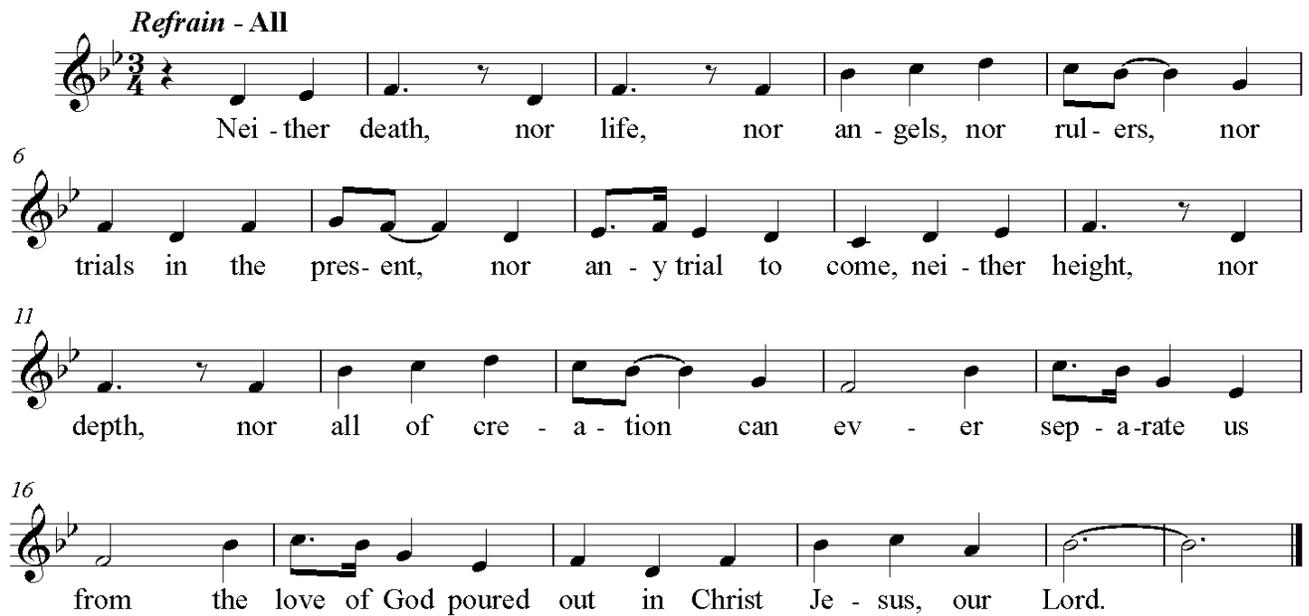
P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Neither Death Nor Life – Marty Haugen

Refrain - All



Nei - ther death, nor life, nor an - gels, nor rul - ers, nor
6 trials in the pres - ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor
11 depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
16 from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Verses- Cantor

- 1. Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life.*
- 2. All who are led by the Spirit shall live as children of God,
and heirs with Christ Jesus, God's adopted and chosen and loved.*
- 3. All of the suffering we now must endure is nothing to the glory
so soon to be revealed when creation itself is set free.*
- 4. All of creation awaits the new birth, the fullness of redemption,
through labor pains of love, and so we wait in patience and hope.*
- 5. Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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